MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : As regards the answer to part (*b*) sub-section (ii), may I know why the post which fell vacant on the 25th Makaram 1099 has not yet been filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a great deal of confusion in the grading of the 1st grade teachers. The Government took the question of regrading first. The seniority of the teachers was in question and that matter was settled some time in 1927.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the seniority fixed according to the dates on which they are appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a general question of principle. The question of seniority was settled by Government and we are not discussing here the principle of seniority.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*) : I want the information as to how the question of seniority was settled.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise. That is a different question. In part (*b*) the member is asking for the number of vacancies and the date of the earliest vacancy.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Yes. May I know when the principle of gradation was accepted by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have laid down certain principles already. They had only to examine the rank of these officers and they decided the question of the rank some time in 1927.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why the vacancy was not filled after that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question has to be taken up as a whole. The present Director of Public Instruction is looking into that matter.

Statement of applicants for Government lands.

64. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the persons who have applied for the registry of more than 50 acres of *puduval* or *poramboke* lands during the last five years (1099-1103) in the Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks and of those in whose names such lands have been registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Government do not propose to collect the particulars as the time and labour involved in doing so will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

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65. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will consider

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